BILL NO. G-94-04-U((asemended)

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING FOR THE EXCUSED ABSENCE AND PAYMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDE ELECTION-RELATED SERVICES.

WHEREAS, before January 1, 1993, City employees traditionally received paid time-off for Primary Election and General Election Days;

WHEREAS, paid time-off had been given to City employees in order to encourage the participation of these employees in the electoral process;

WHEREAS, Since January 1, 1993, the City has not listed election days as paid time-off days for most City employees;

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the electoral process for the City of Fort Wayne to enact an Ordinance to allow for employees who become actively involved in the political process to help conduct the elections and work the polls on election days without losing pay;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FT. WAYNE, INDIANA;

SECTION 1. Regardless of political affiliation, City employees shall be excused from work on a Primary Election Day or General Election Day when engaging in the express activities outlined below. Employees so engaged shall receive the difference between their base pay for the day and any payment received for their election service, upon compliance with the requirements of this ordinance. Employees excused for work on these days must;

- a.) work for the Allen County Election Board as
 Inspector, Clerk, Judge or Sheriff or in some
 other official capacity for at least eight (8)
 hours on the election day in question;
- b.) serve as elected or appointed Ward Chairperson
 or Precinct Committeeperson (or Vice-Chair or

Vice Committeeperson) and actually work at least eight (8) hours in that capacity on the election day in question; or

- c.) assist a candidate or political party at the polls or in other election day related activity for a period of not less than eight
- (8) hours on the election day in question.

 d. must be registered to vote in Allen County
 SECTION 2. Notification of intent to be
 absent for such Primary or General Election Day activity
 must be given to the employee's supervisor at least four
 (4) calendar days before the Primary or General Election
 Day on which the absence will occur.

SECTION 3. Pay shall not be accorded an employee performing such activities on an election day until a "Certificate of Election Work" has been provided to the City by the employee. Such a "Certification" that the employee was in compliance with this ordinance shall be signed as follows;

- a.) employees who work for the Election Board shall provide a signed "Certification" from the Allen County Election Board;
- b.) employees who serve as Ward or Precinct officials shall provide a "Certification" that they hold such office and performed such work signed by their County Chairperson;
- c.) employees assisting a candidate or political party shall provide as a "Certification", a notarized statement signed by the candidate for whom the employee performed such election day services, or signed by the County Chair of the political party for which such employee worked, indicating what election days activities were performed and for how long.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and any and all necessary approval by the Mayor. APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY J. Timothy McCaulay, City Attorney

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Department of Human Resources Room 380

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the City of Ft. Wayne Common Council

From: Nelson Peters, Director of Human Resources

Subject: Excused Absence for Election Related Services

On April 12, 1994, an ordinance to excuse the absence of employees who are involved in election related activities will be introduced to you. The purpose of the ordinance is give paid time off and encourage the participation of these employees in the electoral

process.

Employees who may be excused from work will comprise one of three categories. The first includes those employees who work for the Election Board during Primary or General Election Day. These employees typically work in the capacity of Inspector, Clerk, Sheriff, or Judge. They will be required to provide certification from the Election Board that they worked accordingly.

The second category includes employees who may serve as Ward of Precinct officials. Their performance of work on the Primary or General Election Day must be certified by the respective County Chairperson.

The last category involves employees who may assist a candidate or political party on the Primary or General Election Day. Certification of performance of work of these individuals will include signed by the candidate or County Chairperson for whom the employee worked that day.

I hope this ordinance meets with your approval. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please don't hesitate to call.

cc: Paul Helmke, Mayor
 Greg Purcell, Chief of Staff
 Tim McCaulay, Corporation Counsel

Enclosure





DIGEST SHEET

| TITLE OF ORDINANCE GENERAL ORDINANCE |
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| DEPARTMENT REQUESTING ORDINANCE <u>HUMAN RESOURCES</u> |
| SYNOPSIS OF ORDINANCE ALLOWS THE EXCUSED ABSENCE AND PAID TIME OFF |
| TO EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN PRIMARY ELECTION AND |
| GENERAL ELECTION DAY RELATED SERVICES. ORDINANCE WILL ENCOURAGE |
| THE PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS. |
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